

Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of regional lymph nodes examined
METEOR identifier:	415971
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The total number of regional lymph nodes examined by a pathologist in a person with cancer.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined
METEOR identifier:	415987
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The total number of regional lymph nodes examined by a pathologist in a person with cancer.
Object class:	Person with cancer
Property:	Number of regional lymph nodes examined

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total number N[N]
METEOR identifier:	347205
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/10/2008 Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2013 Housing assistance , Standard 01/05/2013 Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Commonwealth Department of Health , Qualified 23/09/2015 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 20/12/2016 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The total number.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[N]				
Maximum character length:	2				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A list of which lymph nodes are defined as regional lymph nodes for each cancer site may be found in the current edition of the TNM Classification of Tumours, UICC (International Union Against Cancer) or the AJCC (American Joint Committee on Cancer) Cancer Staging Manual.

The number includes all nodes examined regardless of whether they were removed and examined at a single or multiple procedures. For example, for breast cancer, record the sum of regional lymph nodes examined from node sampling, sentinel node biopsy and axillary clearance.

The number of regional lymph nodes is cumulative from all procedures that removed lymph nodes through the completion of surgeries for the initial treatment of the cancer. The initial course of treatment includes all treatments administered to the patient from diagnosis and before disease progression or recurrence.

Breast cancer:

Regional lymph nodes include all ipsilateral axillary nodes (levels 1, 2 and 3), ipsilateral internal mammary nodes, supraclavicular nodes and intramammary lymph nodes. All other nodes (including contralateral axillary, contralateral internal mammary nodes and cervical nodes) are considered to be distant metastases and should not be recorded in this data item. Definitions are from the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th Edition.

Collection methods: For cancer registries, collection of this data item should only be from notification and pathology reports relating to initial diagnosis and not for recurrent or metastatic disease.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Cancer Network

Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons

Reference documents: American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II, Commission on Cancer

American Joint Committee on Cancer 2010. AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 7th edition. New York: Springer

Australian Cancer Network & National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Network 2001. The pathology reporting of breast cancer: A guide for pathologists, surgeons, radiologists and oncologists, 3rd edition. Sydney: Australian Cancer Network & National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Network

Johnson CH & Adamo M (Editors) 2007. SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2007, MD 2008 revision. Bethesda: National Cancer Institute, NIH Publication number 07-5581

Sobin LH, Gospodarowicz MK, Wittekind C (Editors) 2009. International Union Against Cancer (UICC): TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th edition. Wiley-Blackwell

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

See also [Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes, total N\[N\] Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Breast cancer \(cancer registries\) NBPDS](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 01/09/2012

DSS specific information:

Breast cancer:

Regional lymph nodes include all ipsilateral axillary, ipsilateral infraclavicular/subclavicular, ipsilateral internal mammary and ipsilateral supraclavicular nodes. All other nodes (including contralateral internal mammary nodes) are considered to be distant metastases and should not be recorded in this data item. Definitions from UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 6th Edition.

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the regional lymph nodes being excised and examined by a pathologist.

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the regional lymph nodes being excised and examined by a pathologist.

[Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015

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